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AWSAM COMMITTEE Minutes
(Approved September 16, 2014)

The AWSAM Committee held a meeting on July 15, 2014 at 3:30 P.M. in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Blvd, Dover, Delaware.

PRESENT: Pam Tyranski, Mary Peterson, Sandra Robinson, Ann Blackmore, Alicia Kluger, Maxine Travis, Sarah Carmody, Vickie Cox, Linda Wolfe

ABSENT: Agnes Richardson, Yrene Waldron

GUESTS: Kathleen Heacock

PRESIDING: Pam Tyranski

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Tyranski called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from May 5, 2014 were reviewed. Ms. Blackmore made a motion to approve as corrected, seconded by Ms. Wolfe. With Ms. Robinson abstaining, the motion carried.

Ms. Tyranski requested to amend the agenda to add 4.3 Disposal of unused medications and 3.1.3 Update on DDDS. Ms. Wolfe asked to add 4.4 Emergency Medication Legislation. By unanimous vote the amended agenda was accepted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Grandfathering

Ms. Tyranski reported that Jennifer Singh provided a legal opinion that UAPs won't be grandfathered but instructors will be and she recommended language in Section 5.3.3 of the rules. Members reviewed the language and Ms. Carmody commented it sounded like that which was recommended on the General Assembly website. Ms. Tyranski stated that approach provided for consistency in the language. Ms. Wolfe questioned the date for grandfathering and members agreed it could be adjusted by the DAG when necessary, depending on how long it took to get the statute and rules approved. Ms. Travis questioned whether the UAPs would be retrained at their annual expiration date, or would we have to retrain the whole workforce. The members agreed organizations could retrain based on their needs or could opt to retrain at one time to accommodate the needs of the organization. Ms. Peterson made a motion to accept the language in Section 5 with the

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understanding the date may change, seconded by Ms. Wolfe. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Implementation Plan/Letter

Members discussed various strategies and implementation plans for LLAM. An email was shared from several advocates who want to assist with grassroots efforts in support of the LLAM bill, particularly for the use of glucagon for emergencies during after-school events for students with diabetes which, is an important aspect of the LLAM bill. Dr. Zickafoose will reply to their email and keep them informed of the implementation plans. Ms. Tyranski will present the bill and rules to the Board of Nursing at their September meeting for approval. A letter will be drafted for programs using AWSAM to inform them of the LLAM changes and new curriculum once the legislation is passed. The letter will also need to inform them to prepare a module specific to their entity. Ms. Peterson suggested adding a new FAQ to the Board of Nursing, DNA, DHSS, and DSCYF websites. Ms. Wolfe added she would communicate it to the schools and Ms. Travis stated she would share it with her Division.

Update on DDDS

Ms. Tyranski reported she contacted Marie Nonnenmacher and she agreed DDDS would resubmit their program for approval after LLAM is implemented. The College of Direct Supports online course was approved only under AWSAM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Talking Points

Members discussed the need to have a consistent message when contacting legislators to support the LLAM bill. Dr. Zickafoose will construct "Talking Points" using the Training Manual introduction language, which this Committee has already developed, reviewed and approved, to briefly describe the history and purpose of LLAM, its relevance and importance. Emphasis will be placed on this not being a delegated activity.

Target Groups

Members discussed including various groups to gain support prior to introduction of the LLAM bill. Suggested groups included: DNA, DONL, DHCFA, DDDS, DOE, DSAMH, DLTCRP, DHSS, Quality Oversight Long Term Care Council, Assisted Living facilities, Nursing Home Quality Assurance Council, and the Gerontology and Emergency Care nursing organizations.

Timeline

Members discussed and concluded that the timing of all future work depends on when the bill is introduced and when it passes. Dr. Zickafoose explained it is preferable to introduce proposed legislation early in the session. Members discussed potential supporters and opposers to the bill. Ms. Blackmore stated her concern was for instructors who really need to hear about it from their facilities.

Educational Platform

Dr. Zickafoose stated she had spoken with Mr. Dryden about this and they are working on possible solutions to CE issues for both boards as part of the strategic plan. Blackboard is able to conduct a test at the end of the educational presentation but does not issue a letter of completion. DPR may not be able to support delivering this type of education/testing and evidence support, as it is not part of its core programs, so any education platform needs to be able to deliver without human intervention. Ms. Wolfe stated the DOE is using Professional Development Management System (PDMS) and it issues the certificates online for their educational events. Dr. Zickafoose stated she would mention this and look into it further with the Division. Ms. Carmody asked if DPR could charge a fee for this service and Mr. Mangler stated the Division didn't regulate UAPs who would be taking the course. She then asked about child care providers paying and Ms. Travis stated the licensee pays the instructor. This issue will continue to be explored for future implementation of UAP renewals.

Changes to Procedures for Disposal of Unused Medications

Ms. Blackmore brought the changes on the FDA website to the attention of the committee to not crush medications for non-institutional disposal. Instead the revised U.S. FDA document states medications should be mixed without crushing with kitty litter or used coffee grounds. This is a recent change to the guideline. Members reviewed the policy in the LLAM manual and decided to change the language to reflect current practice. Dr. Zickafoose will make the correction to the Disposal of Medications policy. Ms. Kluger added that crushing is discouraged because of the aerosolized particles that could be inhaled. The FDA website recommendations for flushing of medications did not change.

Emergency Medication Legislation

Ms. Wolfe informed members of legislation recently passed pertaining to Athletic Trainers and the administration of emergency medications during school events, which expanded their scope of practice. They will be able to deliver first aid for an injury, which now includes administration of epinephrine and glucagon, and this is another group who will be able to assist in emergent situations. Ms. Wolfe also informed the group the emergency epinephrine bill was signed and this provides for lay access to epinephrine in schools for previously undiagnosed allergic reactions and expands the provision to private school settings. School nurses currently have a standing order from public health allowing nurses to administer epinephrine for undiagnosed allergic reactions. The DOE and public health will develop regulations pertaining to the curriculum, storage, etc. and Ms. Wolfe will be assisting with the training of a sufficient number of persons. Suggestions were requested and discussed for storage of the epinephrine in a safe and accessible location. This bill parallels similar bills in other states, yet the fiscal impact of the bill could be a potential issue in Delaware. Ms. Wolfe explained there is a new auto-injector for epinephrine but it is quite expensive. Ms. Kluger asked if the Narcan bill would be implemented in the schools and members stated it was for friends and family only.

OTHER BUSINESS before the committee (for discussion only): None

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

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NEXT MEETING- September 16, 2014 at 3:30 PM Conference Room A, Cannon Building.

ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing